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<td>sed contra (but on the contrary)</td>
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Borgnet    Albert the Great, 1890–1899. Opera omnia, ed. E. Borgnet
CCCM      Corpus Christianorum Continuatio Mediaevalis
CCSL     Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina
Col.      Albert the Great, 1951–. Opera omnia
           [ed. Coloniensis]
Conf.     Augustine of Hippo, Confessiones
CSEL     Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum
Lect.     John Duns Scotus, Lectura
Leonine   Thomas Aquinas 1882–. Opera omnia, iussu Leonis
           XIII edita cura et studio Fratrum Praedicatorum.
           43 vols. to date. Rome
Lottin    Odon Lottin 1942–1960. Psychologie et morale aux
           XIIe et XIIIe siècles. 6 vols. Louvain: Abbaye du
           Mont César; Gembloux: J. Duculot
NE        Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics
OPh       William of Ockham, Opera philosophica
Ord.      John Duns Scotus, Ordinatio
OTh       William of Ockham, Opera theologica
Quod.     Quodlibetal Questions
SCG       Thomas Aquinas, Summa contra Gentiles
Sent.     Peter Lombard, Four Books of Sentences [or, as
           otherwise indicated, another author's commentary
           on Lombard's Sentences]
ST        Thomas Aquinas, Summa theologiae [i: First Part;
           i–ii, First Part of the Second Part; ii–ii, Second Part
           of the Second Part; iii, Third Part]
Vat.      Vatican edition of John Duns Scotus 1950–